

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-29, 32-41, 46-50, and 52-64 are pending. Claims 1, 20, 32, 46, and 47 have been amended. Claims 61-64 have been added.

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a user with information from a database, comprising:

storing a plurality of information segments in the database;

displaying at least a portion of one or more of the stored information segments;

~~providing an option to review content of at least part of an information segment;~~

allowing the user to select information segments from among the one or more displayed information segments; ~~from the database, the user selected information segments being represented by indicators stored in a buffer, the indicators being arranged in a sequence in the buffer; and~~

storing, in a sequence in a buffer, indicators representing respective information segments selected by a user; and

allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the buffer to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented to the user.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising loading the user selected information segments into a memory.

3. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a personal computer.

4. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a set-top box.

5. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

Claims 6-8 (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a presentation of the user selected information segments includes playing, pausing, rewinding, or fast forwarding the corresponding information segments.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user selected information segments include video clips.

Claim 11 (cancelled).

12. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

13. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

14. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a computer.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a television.

17. (original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the television interfaces with a set-top box.

18. (original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the television interfaces with a personal video recorder.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting the user selected information segments on a media player.

20. (currently amended) A method for presenting to a user information segments from a database, comprising:

providing a buffer;

receiving from the user selections of information segments in the database, the user selected information segments being represented by respective indicators ~~in the buffer, the indicators being arranged in a sequence in the buffer;~~

storing, in a sequence in the buffer, the indicators corresponding to the user selected information segments;

allowing the user to select an indicator in the sequence and change ~~rearrange~~ the position of the selected indicator with respect to the other indicators in the sequence of the indicators; and

presenting the user selected information segments represented by the ~~the~~ respective indicators in the sequence, ~~the user selected information segments being presented in the same order as the respective indicators in the sequence.~~

21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 20, further comprising loading the user selected information segments into a memory.

22. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a personal computer.

23. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a set-top box.

24. (original) The method according to claim 21, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

25. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein the buffer includes a virtual cart.

26. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

27. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

28. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

29. (original) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

Claims 30 and 31 (cancelled).

32. (currently amended) A method for presenting to a user information segments from a database, comprising:

receiving a request including one or more preferences concerning desired information segments;

searching the database in response to the request;

providing an indicator representative of at least one information segment selected from the database which satisfies the preferences;

placing the indicator in a buffer;

arranging the indicator with at least a second indicator in the buffer in a sequence, the second indicator being representative of a second information segment;

allowing the user to select the indicator and change the position of the indicator with respect to the second indicator in the sequence, to generate a selected order of the indicators
~~rearrange the indicators in the buffer in a selected order;~~ and

presenting the selected information segment and the second information segment according to the selected order of the indicators representative thereof in the buffer.

33. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein the request is formulated in accordance with a predetermined search template.

34. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein the preferences are derived from a user preference file.

35. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein the request is received through a network.

36. (original) The method according to claim 35, wherein the network includes at least part of an Internet.

37. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein the buffer includes a virtual cart.

38. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

39. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

40. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

41. (original) The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

Claims 42-45 (cancelled).

46. (currently amended) A system for serving information segments for presentation thereof, comprising:

a database containing a plurality of information segments;

a device for displaying at least a portion of one or more of the segments;

~~a processing unit for providing an option to review content of at least part of an information segment;~~

~~an interface for allowing a user to select information segments from among the one or more displayed information segments from the database, the user selected information segments being represented by indicators stored in a buffer, the indicators being arranged in a sequence in the buffer; and~~

~~a buffer for storing indicators, each indicator representing a respective user selected information segment, the indicators being arranged in a sequence; and~~

~~a controller for allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the buffer to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented to the user.~~

47. (currently amended) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a memory into which the user selected information segments are is loaded.

48. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a personal computer.

49. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a set-top box.

50. (original) The system according to claim 47, wherein the memory is associated with a personal video recorder.

Claim 51 (cancelled).

52. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database includes a video clip.

53. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains visual information.

54. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains audio information.

55. (original) The system according to claim 46, wherein at least one of the information segments in the database contains text information.

56. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a computer for presenting the user selected information segments.

57. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a television for presenting the user selected information segments.

58. (original) The system according to claim 57, wherein the television interfaces with a set-top box.

59. (original) The system according to claim 57, wherein the television interfaces with a personal video recorder.

60. (previously presented) The system according to claim 46, further comprising a media player for presenting the user selected information segments.

61. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing an option to review content of at least part of an information segment.

62. (new) The method of claim 1, comprising:
allowing the user to rearrange the sequence of the indicators in the buffer to affect an order in which the user selected information segments are to be presented automatically to the user.

63. (new) The method of claim 20, comprising:
presenting automatically the user selected information segments represented by the respective indicators in the sequence in the same order as the respective indicators in the sequence.

64. (new) The system of claim 46, further comprising:
a processing unit for providing an option to review content of at least part of an information segment.